

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY  
OF  
BUSINESS STATISTICS.

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## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts				Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
<b>1945.</b>													
March ...	24	40	30	28	31	31	41	26	30	46	33	35	41
April ...	94	110	78	32	87	101	103	38	63	124	83	348	142
May ...	131	140	55	97	105	160	139	55	90	94	93	69	90
June ...	212	225	137	122	181	177	219	143	167	429	321	205	373
July ...	103	71	71	205	95	83	58	77	73	164	126	40	139
August ...	135	157	151	107	144	156	139	157	152	44	61	34	47
September ...	46	16	34	18	30	23	18	32	27	68	18	21	50
October ...	42	68	125	116	85	53	72	128	104	94	80	77	89
November ...	66	50	78	28	61	76	60	69	67	115	129	82	115
December ...	54	43	46	61	49	42	48	48	47	92	69	67	82
<b>1946.</b>													
January ...	153	100	166	236	151	130	110	184	158	92	44	67	77
February ...	95	129	327	228	195	49	153	363	269	174	77	100	140
March ...	66	76	105	43	79	48	76	113	95	164	197	63	160

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, and 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12·3625d. sterling (Aust. 15·4531d.) in 1942-43 to 1945-46. A new agreement has been made for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of future clips.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
July ...	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696
August ...	128,260	105,532	113,506	110,161	195,702	189,247	189,713	178,857
September ...	180,883	158,065	73,356	132,093	376,585	347,312	263,069	310,950
October ...	195,950	173,622	129,588	183,001	572,535	520,934	392,657	493,951
November ...	159,518	128,231	166,656	174,501	732,053	649,165	559,313	668,452
December ...	88,943	94,774	111,713	47,412	820,996	743,939	671,026	715,864
January ...	37,213	135,652	101,888	44,883	858,209	879,591	772,914	760,747
February ...	30,274	60,931	24,884	23,146	888,483	940,522	797,798	783,993
March ...	44,208	43,493	23,799	28,966	932,691	984,015	821,597	812,859
April ...	40,835	42,000	20,854	...	973,526	1,026,015	842,451	...
May ...	41,491	51,274	34,419	...	1,015,017	1,077,289	876,870	...
June ...	56,745	56,870	41,007	...	1,071,762	1,134,150	917,877	...

**3. WHEAT.**

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35				
to 1943-44 ... ... ... ...	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42 ... ... ... ...	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43 ... ... ... ...	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44 ... ... ... ...	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45 ... ... ... ...	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46 (Preliminary Estimate) ...	4,500,000	4,100,000	62,500,000	15·2

**4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.**

The British Government purchases under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price for choicest, 142s. 1d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports from July, 1942, was increased to 184s. 8½d. from July, 1944. The wholesale price for local consumption has been 166s. 1d. per cwt. since 6th March, 1942.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	Thousand lb.			
						1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
July	... ... ...	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286			
August	... ... ...	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008			
September	... ... ...	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007			
October	... ... ...	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,488	7,557			
November	... ... ...	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	7,386			
December	... ... ...	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	8,820			
January	... ... ...	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	8,146			
February	... ... ...	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	8,146			
March	... ... ...	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	.....			
April	... ... ...	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	.....			
May	... ... ...	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	.....			
June	... ... ...	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	.....			
Year	... ... ...	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	.....			
Eight Months ended February	... ...	78,347	70,530	67,788	49,884	52,357			

**5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.**

The following results from 42 large factories afford an indication of trends in manufacturing:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.			Weekly Salaries and Wages.				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Thousand £.												
January	5,808	4,965	4,983	4,561	275	261	241	225	1,563	1,493	1,393	1,283
February	4,799	5,712	5,250	5,269	272	258	240	230	1,546	1,476	1,404	1,372
March	5,451	5,765	5,502	.....	270	256	239	.....	1,534	1,469	1,379	.....
April	5,424	4,830	5,015	.....	271	256	237	.....	1,501	1,449	1,374	.....
May	5,696	5,878	5,436	.....	269	253	237	.....	1,517	1,447	1,363	.....
June	5,632	5,478	5,393	.....	269	252	237	.....	1,544	1,433	1,372	.....
July	5,520	5,061	5,639	.....	268	251	236	.....	1,514	1,426	1,378	.....
August	5,500	5,476	5,498	.....	266	249	237	.....	1,533	1,413	1,377	.....
September	5,710	5,222	5,269	.....	267	248	234	.....	1,525	1,416	1,345	.....
October	5,753	5,449	5,492	.....	266	247	227	.....	1,536	1,400	1,283	.....
November	5,701	5,811	5,690	.....	264	246	224	.....	1,517	1,433	1,310	.....
December	5,653	5,159	3,968	.....	265	246	192	.....	1,552	1,441	1,034	.....
Average (January— December)	5,554	5,400	5,251	.....	269	252	232	.....	1,537	1,441	1,334	.....

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 26.

## BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## 6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

**Value** of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
Month—							
1945—Mar.	13,704	109	81,735	82,555	82,300	95,694	177,994
1946—Feb.	113,185	655	784,006	194,449	792,306	299,334	1,091,640
Mar.	106,056	834	1,109,380	161,731	1,161,780	215,387	1,377,167
Nine Months (July-Mar.)							
1944-45	233,860	567	563,342	648,393	588,907	856,688	1,445,595
1945-46	371,350	5,141	5,836,023	1,116,610	5,899,928	1,424,055	7,323,983

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales : New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.*	
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.		
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.			
Quarterly Average—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997	
1939	1,126	849,892	215,389	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406	
1940	850	752,163	183,881	303	250,096	35,659	4,151,369	
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338	
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168	
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257	
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083	
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251	
March Quarter—								
1945	161	102,840	86,641	170	97,884	42,093	843,865	
1946†	1,201	1,088,791	231,990	1,061	1,079,224	97,671	5,805,024	
Nine Mths.(July-Mar.)								
1944-45	408	233,695	283,256	402	234,554	93,101	2,290,201	
1945-46†	3,134	2,699,217	567,817	2,935	2,722,137	224,675	13,537,829	

\* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded. †Preliminary.

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### 7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>							
Monthly Average—							
1939 ... ...	373,102	76,469	231,830	106,124	47,665	183,099	1,018,289
1944 ... ...	10,343	14,388	1,094	85,433	1,894	20,425	133,577
1945 ... ...	164,996	169,247	3,080	61,641	5,573	34,139	439,276
Month—							
1945 March ...	38,931	53,337	1,218	45,927	1,590	36,991	177,994
1946 February ...	413,312	378,435	8,024	170,277	11,415	110,177	1,091,640
" March ...	568,203	440,350	18,250	249,209	12,051	89,044	1,377,167
Nine Months (July— March)—							
1944-45 ... ...	173,973	241,843	11,801	737,706	15,127	265,145	1,445,595
1945-46 ... ...	2,963,982	2,753,432	78,379	957,631	77,966	492,593	7,323,983
Quarterly Average—							
1939 ... ...	187,801	482,784	36,997	28,847	102,725	226,127	1,065,281
1944 ... ...	6,795	49,873	1,755	41,784	5,469	40,992	146,668
1945 ... ...	80,748	389,274	2,749	53,182	17,420	59,750	603,123
March Quarter—							
1945 ... ...	10,346	87,942	200	45,807	13,976	31,210	189,481
1946 ... ...	197,606	859,215	8,722	118,404	53,792	83,042	1,320,781
Nine Months (July— March)—							
1944-45 ... ...	25,098	202,674	1,981	139,981	24,695	122,522	516,951
1945-46 ... ...	488,109	2,174,626	16,434	242,695	95,439	249,731	3,267,034
Quarterly Average—							
<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>							
1939 ... ...	104,108	126,456	6,930	1,170	7,748	28,848	275,260
1944 ... ...	6,070	43,727	5	8,158	858	11,859	70,683
1945 ... ...	116,583	411,570	925	3,831	2,398	18,994	554,301
March Quarter—							
1945 ... ...	26,276	87,179	.....	10,989	.....	15,533	139,977
1946 ... ...	251,932	861,100	4,175	13,170	11,660	34,798	1,176,895
Nine Months (July— March)—							
1944-45 ... ...	41,392	207,472	.....	34,874	2,784	41,133	327,655
1945-46 ... ...	630,021	2,192,751	6,375	17,200	19,461	81,004	2,946,812
<i>7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.</i>							

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached.

†Preliminary.

### 8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).						
	Month of March.			Nine Months ended March.			
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1944.	* 1945.	1946.	
Sydney and Suburbs							
Remainder of State ...	£ 151,644	£ 261,846	£ 377,078	£ 1,631,211	£ 1,564,729	£ 3,096,232	
Total, N.S. Wales ...	104,113	105,193	195,979	629,350	2,159,947	1,493,411	
	255,757	367,039	573,057	2,260,561	3,724,676	4,589,643	

\* Revised.

## SECTION B.—TRADE.

## 9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Million £.								
Year ended 31st December ...	200.29	202.79	229.03	238.65	240.54	251.40	251.74	...
January ...	13.24	16.33	15.83	18.69	17.18	18.01	18.62	17.62
February ...	16.54	14.64	17.48	19.39	21.60	20.48	21.48	21.72
March ...	15.78	16.97	17.40	19.53	19.44	18.00	21.75	...
April ...	15.79	17.88	19.06	19.19	21.88	21.68	20.81	...
May ...	17.46	14.85	18.75	20.72	19.56	21.45	22.24	...
June ...	14.88	17.07	21.76	18.93	20.91	20.67	19.40	...
July ...	15.28	16.74	17.63	19.17	19.81	20.87	22.01	...
August ...	16.81	17.17	20.41	20.86	18.75	23.82	20.22	...
September ...	19.44	17.48	21.60	19.59	19.93	21.46	23.72	...
October ...	19.22	18.50	18.25	22.06	20.80	21.82	22.36	...
November ...	17.53	18.13	20.58	19.54	21.07	20.30	} 39.13	...
December ...	18.32	17.03	20.28	20.98	19.61	22.84		...

## 10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended December—								
1938 ...	303	303	+ 4.8	+ 5.2	+ 11.6	+ 5.0		
1939 ...	303	303	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.9		
1940 ...	303	305	+ 6.3	+ 17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.9		
1941 ...	305	304	+ 14.6	+ 18.0	+ 9.0	+ 4.0		
1942 ...	304	303	- 5.3	+ 9.2	- 5.1	- 8.4		
1943 ...	303	306	- 11.3	- 6.8	- 9.7	- 17.6		
1944 ...	306	302	+ 3.2	- 0.2	- 4.6	+ 1.4		
1945 ...	302	301	+ 15.8	+ 11.1	+ 6.7	+ 5.0		
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
1945.								
February ...	25	24	+ 6.7	+ 7.7	- 2.4	- 3.3	+ 10.0	+ 0.7
March ...	27	26	- 6.6	+ 17.0	+ 2.5	+ 1.1	+ 4.8	+ 1.8
April ...	21	24	+ 3.0	+ 18.3	+ 3.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
May ...	27	26	- 9.7	+ 26.0	+ 4.4	+ 2.5	- 4.0	+ 3.5
June ...	25	25	+ 19.3	+ 24.0	+ 3.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.2	+ 3.6
July ...	26	26	+ 31.6	+ 16.7	+ 7.1	+ 4.3	+ 10.6	+ 4.8
August ...	27	25	+ 16.6	+ 11.9	+ 6.4	+ 4.4	+ 21.8	+ 5.5
September ...	26	25	+ 21.1	+ 10.2	+ 4.0	+ 6.7	+ 22.5	+ 5.8
October ...	25	26	+ 37.9	+ 4.9	+ 13.5	+ 9.9	+ 25.0	+ 8.0
November ...	26	26	+ 40.6	+ 2.1	+ 13.6	+ 12.0	+ 33.4	+ 10.4
December ...	24	23	+ 17.9	- 4.7	+ 17.4	+ 18.4	+ 30.8	+ 14.9
1946.								
January ...	25	25	+ 24.6	- 6.3	+ 16.9	+ 14.8	+ 27.1	+ 16.0
February ...	24	24	+ 37.4	- 9.6	+ 20.5	+ 19.4	+ 25.0	+ 18.2

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 26.

## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

## 11. RAILWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of February.			Eight months ended 28th February.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
1944 ...	£ 2,748,351	£ 1,959,913	£ 788,438	£ 23,291,836	£ 17,116,168	£ 6,175,668
1945 ...	2,430,019	1,904,866	525,153	21,167,950	15,831,865	5,336,085
1946 ...	2,500,351	1,962,194	538,157	20,580,906	15,820,247	4,760,659

\* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,159,000 in year 1944-45.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

	Month of February.		Eight months ended 28th February.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1944 ... ... ...	1,514	21,349	13,025	165,758
1945 ... ... ...	1,543	20,775	12,704	166,641
1946 ... ... ...	1,380	21,944	10,653	174,371

\* Partly estimated.

## 12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

## SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
Month of February—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1944 ... ... ...	419,400	49,000	38,163	44,800	8,500	3,575
1945 ... ... ...	413,600	48,700	39,247	44,600	8,200	3,633
1946 ... ... ...	425,200	18,500	40,547	45,300	3,800	3,700
Eight months ended 28th February						
1944 ... ... ...	3,432,920	323,810	313,271	351,320	51,900	28,109
1945 ... ... ...	3,497,400	351,000	333,824	372,000	55,200	30,368
1946 ... ... ...	3,486,500	118,600	331,921	371,400	27,100	30,954

\* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £537,000 in year 1944-45.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

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## 13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

## NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1944.	1945.			1946.	
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st March.	31st March.	30th September.	31st January.	28th February.	31st March.
Cars ... ...	216,633	169,916	178,986	185,061	186,057	189,130	189,640	190,091
Lorries and Vans	77,639	71,248	76,450	81,640	84,925	89,876	90,060	92,460
Trailers ... ...	6,538	6,965	7,679	8,871	9,268	10,354	10,480	10,637
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,455	1,666	1,795	1,868	1,886	1,913
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	10,016	11,794	12,532	13,762	14,083	14,561
Cycles—Side-car	6,884	4,785	4,581	3,995	4,144	4,605	4,692	4,792
Omnibuses‡ ...	794	890	931	1,012	1,041	1,056	1,058	1,061
Taxi-cabs‡ ...	1,331	1,352	1,348	1,351	1,353	1,357	1,357	1,357
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	609	631	680	755	765	785
Total ...	329,219	267,768	282,055	296,021	301,795	312,763	314,921	317,657

\* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

## Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
1941-42 ... ...	44	43	38	23	26	18	43	52	61	32	25	23
1942-43 ... ...	21	18	12	7	19	7	4	5	2	6	8	13
1943-44 ... ...	6	4	5	3	5	4	64	86	94	67	74	88
1944-45 ... ...	6	10	9	5	6	7	53	65	58	38	48	45
1945-46 ... ...	7	5	5	3	4	10	60	60	38	35	56	102

## 14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

## BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
July ... ...	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
August ... ...	494,904	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078
September ... ...	498,073	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893
October ... ...	500,125	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280
November ... ...	499,804	515,228	555,450	561,504	571,656
December ... ...	499,614	519,375	557,140	562,093	573,637
January ... ...	501,253	523,920	558,381	560,717	571,790
February ... ...	503,346	527,733	556,775	564,184	570,080
March ... ...	500,449	533,597	561,066	563,702	570,952
April ... ...	502,810	536,795	560,665	563,791	.....
May ... ...	503,494	537,319	561,638	567,295	.....
June ... ...	500,565	543,419	563,277	571,616	.....
	500,451	552,944	560,032	572,097	.....

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

## 15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH.

Revenue.	1944-45.	1945-46.	Expenditure.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Taxes—		million £.	Social Services—		million £.
Customs and Excise	50.62	55.79	Invalid, Old Age Pensions	16.56	* 20.45
Sales	22.06	23.74	Widows' Pensions	2.20	2.33
Income	116.37	124.38	Child Endowment	9.09	13.07
Payroll	8.31	8.38	Other	1.98	3.33
Estate	1.94	2.77	Payments to States	12.07	12.08
Entertainments	3.74	3.71	Reimbursed to States (Income Tax)...	17.40	17.97
Other	3.78	3.25	Post Office ...	14.46	15.19
Post Office	20.89	21.22	Other	33.54	35.03
Other	7.54	6.89	Total Non-War ...	107.30	119.45
			War—from Revenue ...	127.95	136.49
			from Loan ...	219.92	173.24
Total Revenue	235.25	250.13	Total Expenditure	455.17	429.18

\* Includes £5,805,000 expended from balance held in National Welfare Fund at 30th June, 1945.

## 16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH.

Revenue.	1944-45.	1945-46.	Expenditure.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£ 000	£ 000		£ 000	£ 000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund ...	12,519	12,547
Towards Interest	2,188	2,188	Less—Recoups from other Activities	1,140	1,231
Reimbursement of Taxes...	8,144	8,149	Net Debt Charges ...	11,379	11,316
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	3,190	3,731	Other than Debt Charges—		
Other Taxes	836	911	Governmental ...	19,534†	16,586
Land	1,133	1,090	Business Undertakings ...	22,679	22,650
Services	1,332	1,040	Road Transport and Traffic Fund ...	443	466
Other	6,717*	3,209	Total Expenditure ...	54,035	51,018
Total Governmental	23,540	20,318			
Business Undertakings ...	29,469	28,955			
Road Transport and Traffic Fund	507	574			
Total Revenue	53,516	49,847			

\* Includes contribution by Business Undertakings towards redemption of Treasury Bills £3,250,000.

† Includes redemption of Deficiency Treasury Bills £3,840,000.

Loan expenditure on works and services during the nine months ended March was gross £2,716,200 and net i.e. gross, less repayments to loan account £1,940,000 in 1945-46, compared with gross £1,862,000 and net £1,608,000 in 1944-45.

## 17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in Australia of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June	318·4	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	280·9
1941	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1944–45—						
Dec.	571·1	41·3	65·6	109·2	197·4	206·0
Jan.	580·2	42·2	70·7	111·8	207·9	202·0
Feb.	589·1	40·1	65·5	115·0	220·7	199·5
Mar.	597·9	39·9	66·8	115·8	230·4	198·5
1945–46—						
Dec.	606·3	42·2	66·9	115·7	230·0	208·9†
Jan.	614·2	44·0	71·8	117·0	232·7	208·7†
Feb.	628·6	44·3	72·4	119·0	243·0	207·7†
Mar.	636·1	41·5	74·1	120·7	248·9	209·5†

\* Excluding London Funds.

† Excluding certain assets (approximately £2·8 m. in September, 1945) included in earlier figures.

## 18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; three other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (17 banks).			
	Deposits.				Deposits.			
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	Advances.	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	Advances.
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—September	79·7	173·4	255·7	104·8	220·2	413·4	644·0	239·0
October	80·7	174·6	258·3	105·1	221·4	419·4	650·7	240·4
November	81·5	175·7	259·9	105·9	222·5	426·2	657·8	241·3
December	81·8	180·4	265·1	106·2	223·2	443·5	675·5	240·2
1946—January	81·1	183·5	267·9	107·2	221·0	452·3	683·0	240·2
February	80·2	191·3	276·7	106·2	219·1	468·3	699·4	244·9
March	79·4	197·1	280·2	105·7	217·6	480·0	707·4	248·5

\* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by monthly averages in Australia of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by quarterly averages in New South Wales of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.	Total, including Government.				Non-Government.	Total, including Government.		
million £.									
1939	113·6	114·9		122·5	1943	169·1	172·3		93·5
1940	126·1	128·1		117·6	1944	200·9	203·6		85·1
1941	134·4	137·3		113·7	1945	217·8	219·8		85·9
1942	142·1	145·3		106·9					

## 19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).‡

As at June 30th,	Amount of Deposits †	End of Month,	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1934 ...	75,714	April ...	86,222	115,500	156,025	189,566
1935 ...	77,906	May ...	86,097	118,016	157,045	192,884
1936 ...	80,000	June†	87,474	122,405	162,807	198,203
1937 ...	81,952	July ...	87,201	126,689	166,751	200,932
1938 ...	86,016	August	86,957	130,519	170,104	204,794
1939 ...	87,474	September	86,557	134,163	173,037	207,520
1940 ...	82,111	October	86,751	136,326	173,981	209,906
1941 ...	87,750	November	86,684	138,328	176,748	214,806
1942 ...	94,538	December	86,581	142,108	179,128	219,560
1943 ...	122,405	January	86,716	146,283	181,801	224,705
1944 ...	162,867	February	87,167	150,375	184,725	228,711
1945 ...	198,203	March	86,759	154,154	187,894	230,420

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £19,694,813 at 28th February, 1946; including £61,534 net receipts in February.

## 20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Amount—Million £														
January ...	66.5	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	98	117	123	136	150	152	154
February ...	75.5	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	96	114	123	139	147	149	157
March ...	80.5	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	124.3	144.1	93	110	119	138	140	145	164
April ...	70.7	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	...	98	111	125	150	150	154	...
May ...	82.0	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	...	100	117	125	155	158	160	...
June ...	80.3	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	...	101	123	133	163	166	169	...
July ...	71.2	98.9	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	...	98	125	130	155	168	167	...
August ...	74.9	87.0	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	...	99	123	135	160	169	168	...
September ...	74.9	94.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	...	99	124	134	155	163	166	...
October ...	78.0	101.8	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	...	100	123	138	152	159	166	...
November ...	86.1	99.6	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	...	102	124	135	149	153	164	...
December ...	91.7	104.9	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	...	106	124	136	150	152	159	...
Year ...	932.3	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	...	100	120	131	151	156	160	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## 21. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
	Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.				At Current Rates.		
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Medium-dated.	Long-dated.	Short-dated. 2 years.	Long-dated. 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938 ... ... ...	5·4	5·0	3·38	3·71	3·76	...	...
1939 ... ... ...	5·6	5·2	3·84	3·87	3·92	...	...
1940 ... ... ...	5·6	5·1	3·14	3·25	3·30	...	...
1941 ... ... ...	5·5	4·9	2·45	2·95	3·10	...	...
1941 ... ... ...	5·5	4·9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1942 ... ... ...	5·4	4·9	2·42	2·87	3·13	2·47	3·23
1943 ... ... ...	5·0	4·7	2·39	2·89	3·11	2·45	3·24
1944 ... ... ...	5·0	4·4	2·43	2·72	3	2·48	3·23
1945 ... ... ...	4·8	4·4	2·30	2·60	...	2·45	3·24
Months—			2·27	2·57	...	2·47	3·25
1945—March ...	4·9	4·4	2·14	2·43	...	2·48	3·25
June ...	4·8	4·5	2·25	2·39	...	2·49	3·25
September ...	4·8	4·4	2·43	2·82	...	2·48	3·25
December ...	4·7	4·4	2·41	2·75	...	2·46	3·25
1946—January ...	4·7	4·4	2·25	2·66	...	2·27	3·24
February ...	4·8	4·4	1·99	2·62	...	1·92	3·24
March ...	4·7	4·3	1·97	2·62	...	1·82	3·24

\* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

## 22. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.					Amount of Mortgages.*						
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Thousand £.												
January ...	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	1,148	916	595	383	608	1,078
February ...	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,507	1,999	2,357	1,329	975	390	611	593	1,179
March ...	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	2,059	2,726	1,320	996	503	663	688	1,047
April ...	2,574	2,276	1,517	1,931	1,663	...	1,305	891	536	302	526	...
May ...	2,835	1,514	1,185	1,307	2,204	...	1,324	546	381	495	606	...
June ...	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	2,373	...	1,273	599	400	687	864	...
July ...	3,105	1,540	1,783	1,992	2,726	...	1,470	622	399	543	902	...
August ...	2,545	1,671	1,379	2,241	2,238	...	1,213	451	450	723	861	...
September ...	2,941	1,616	1,551	1,772	2,684	...	1,571	516	432	597	1,005	...
October ...	3,013	1,514	1,549	1,654	3,260	...	1,413	423	618	634	1,128	...
November ...	2,548	1,942	1,558	1,899	3,106	...	1,022	530	558	529	1,072	...
December ...	2,972	1,260	1,592	1,708	2,195	...	1,242	502	494	699	899	...
Year ...	33,239	21,609	17,542	19,462	28,293	...	15,630	8,007	5,756	6,866	9,752	...

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 23. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of March.			Three Months ended 31st March.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1944 ... ... ...	205,839	139,792	66,354	406,435	331,447	155,732
1945 ... ... ...	186,005	176,265	46,253	418,824	384,473	202,680
1946 ... ... ...	142,497	207,398	96,688	263,316	416,751	258,181

See note under Table 22. \*Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

## 24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	<sup>23</sup> Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	<sup>10</sup> Retail Companies.	<sup>8</sup> Public Utility Companies.	<sup>5</sup> Pastoral and Finance Companies.	<sup>5</sup> Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	<sup>34</sup> Active Share included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179·3	183·8	129·4	174·1	243·5	174·4	172·6
Sept., 1931	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
Mar., 1937	213·8	203·8	181·0	169·2	281·2	190·4	200·5
1945—Feb.	241·7	205·0	168·5	148·0	264·5	194·7	209·3
Mar.	242·2	205·9	170·1	148·7	264·6	195·4	209·8
April	242·3	207·3	170·2	148·8	264·6	195·7	210·0
May	242·2	207·2	170·5	148·4	264·6	195·7	210·0
June	242·3	207·7	170·4	148·0	264·6	195·7	210·1
July	242·2	207·4	170·3	147·3	264·6	195·6	210·0
Aug.	242·3	207·3	170·3	146·8	264·6	195·6	209·9
Sept.	242·7	207·8	170·8	146·7	264·6	195·8	210·3
Oct.	255·3	216·3	178·2	150·8	274·6	204·5	220·2
Nov.	266·3	224·1	182·1	156·9	291·5	212·8	229·7
Dec.	266·0	224·0	182·3	154·7	291·5	212·6	229·3
1944—Jan.	266·0	225·8	182·1	153·0	291·5	212·8	229·0
Feb.	266·2	226·5	182·3	154·0	291·5	213·0	229·2
Mar.	267·3	227·6	184·0	157·2	292·6	213·5	230·3

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies.

§ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

## 25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard). per oz.	Lead. per ton.	Zinc (Electrolytic). per ton.	Tin (Standard). per ton.	Gold (Fine). per oz.
	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938	2 0·14	17 12 11	19 12 10	228 11 10	8 17 1
1939	2 1·42	17 12 1	19 15 3	268 3 6	9 14 4
1940	2 2·95	18 14 6	22 9 11	292 19 8	10 13 1
1941	2 4·26	19 11 4	22 12 11	295 1 6	10 13 8
1942	2 4·66	21 9 9	22 2 11	285 9 1	10 9 1
1943	2 4·63	22 19 2	23 15 2	283 1 6	10 9 0
1944	2 4·63	26 3 0	24 9 4	335 7 2	10 10 1
1945	2 10·59	34 10 10	37 6 4	350 9 0	10 13 10
1945—September	2 10·15	38 0 9	49 1 2	353 17 8	10 15 3
October	4 2·19	39 1 1	47 16 8	354 1 5	10 15 3
November	4 2·19	39 9 6	47 9 5	354 15 8	10 15 3
December	4 2·19	38 5 5	47 9 5	354 18 2	10 15 3
1946—January	4 2·19	36 17 0	52 2 0	356 3 0	10 15 3
February	4 2·19	42 8 6	48 17 10	355 1 3	10 15 3

## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

## 26. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment, (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Govern- ment- al Authori- ties. (a)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Factories. (b)			Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103·2	277·5	380·7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136·5	393·4	529·9	25·8	4·1	154·6	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141·5	404·8	546·3	25·4	18·4	183·7	78·2	41·3	43·3	52·5
1942—July ...	158·0	376·0	534·6	25·4	31·9	181·4	80·3	32·3	36·0	45·0
1943—July ...	150·6	365·4	522·0	25·1	37·8	180·0	81·5	28·7	33·2	43·3
1944—Feb. ...	153·0	369·6	522·6	24·7	33·2	186·5	82·2	28·3	34·2	44·7
July ...	152·4	369·7	522·1	24·4	30·6	187·0	84·1	28·4	34·2	45·4
1945—Feb. ...	154·1	376·1	530·2	24·6	28·2	187·5	86·2	29·4	35·8	46·8
Mar. ...	154·9	374·7	529·6	24·0	28·0	187·4	85·2	29·6	36·0	47·0
April ...	155·8	375·2	531·0	24·7	26·8	188·4	86·9	29·6	35·6	46·9
May ...	155·4	375·6	531·0	24·3	26·4	187·2	86·7	30·0	35·7	46·9
June ...	155·8	377·1	532·9	24·4	27·0	187·8	87·2	29·7	35·9	47·3
July ...	156·5	377·5	534·0	24·6	26·0	188·6	88·0	29·9	35·9	47·6
Aug. ...	155·6	379·2	534·8	24·9	25·2	189·5	88·7	30·2	36·4	48·3
Sept. ...	155·3	374·1	529·4	24·7	22·8	185·8	87·6	30·8	37·0	48·7
Oct. ...	154·2	371·1	525·3	23·5	20·5	182·3	88·2	31·5	37·7	49·4
Nov. ...	154·2	373·2	527·5	23·7	18·9	181·4	89·3	32·7	39·4	50·1
Dec. ...	157·1	361·8	518·9	22·5	17·3	171·2	88·9	35·8	39·6	50·5
1946—Jan. ...	150·7	392·6	549·3	23·7	16·8	195·4	90·3	35·2	42·2	52·3
Feb. ...	150·4	409·9	569·3	24·9	17·0	205·7	93·5	36·3	43·6	53·5
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	...	0·1	59·2	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21·7	192·4	214·1	0·2	0·8	75·2	8·1	40·9	17·6	57·0
1942—July ...	29·3	203·0	232·9	0·2	4·3	80·5	9·0	41·1	20·7	58·9
1943—July ...	45·8	204·1	249·9	0·2	1·9	80·7	12·9	38·5	20·5	62·3
1944—Feb. ...	47·2	205·5	252·7	0·2	11·8	82·3	13·8	37·3	20·6	64·8
July ...	45·5	206·1	251·6	0·2	9·9	81·7	13·9	37·2	20·4	65·7
1945—Feb. ...	43·9	208·5	252·4	0·2	7·5	80·7	14·1	38·4	20·6	68·1
Mar. ...	43·7	209·4	253·1	0·2	7·3	81·5	14·1	38·7	20·7	68·5
April ...	43·7	208·3	252·0	0·2	7·2	80·5	14·1	38·8	20·4	68·5
May ...	43·6	208·1	251·7	0·2	7·0	80·6	14·0	39·0	20·3	68·6
June ...	43·5	209·1	252·6	0·2	6·8	80·1	14·6	39·3	20·5	68·8
July ...	43·3	208·8	252·1	0·2	6·2	80·2	14·6	39·2	20·6	68·5
Aug. ...	42·8	210·3	253·1	0·2	6·0	80·7	14·6	39·5	20·7	69·2
Sept. ...	41·3	209·0	250·3	0·2	4·4	79·0	14·4	39·7	20·9	69·6
Oct. ...	39·1	207·4	246·5	0·2	2·8	77·1	14·4	40·1	21·1	69·9
Nov. ...	38·0	210·2	248·2	0·3	2·5	78·5	14·2	41·5	21·0	70·0
Dec. ...	37·2	206·8	244·0	0·2	2·1	75·3	13·9	43·8	20·4	68·4
1946—Jan. ...	36·8	206·1	242·9	0·2	2·0	76·5	14·0	40·5	20·6	69·5
Feb. ...	36·3	208·8	245·1	0·2	1·9	78·0	13·8	40·7	20·5	70·6
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120·0	386·5	506·5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	607·9	...	4·2	213·8	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163·2	597·2	706·4	26·0	19·2	258·9	86·3	82·2	60·9	109·5
1942—July ...	187·9	579·6	707·5	25·6	36·2	261·9	89·3	73·4	56·7	104·9
1943—July ...	202·4	569·5	771·9	25·3	51·7	260·7	94·4	67·2	53·7	105·6
1944—Feb. ...	200·2	575·1	775·3	24·9	45·0	268·8	96·0	65·6	54·8	109·5
July ...	197·9	575·8	773·7	24·6	40·5	268·7	98·0	65·6	54·6	111·1
1945—Feb. ...	198·0	584·6	782·6	24·8	35·7	268·2	100·3	67·8	56·4	114·9
Mar. ...	198·6	584·1	782·7	24·2	35·3	268·9	99·3	68·3	56·7	115·5
April ...	199·5	583·5	783·0	24·9	34·0	268·9	101·0	68·4	56·0	115·4
May ...	199·0	583·7	782·7	24·5	33·4	267·8	100·7	69·0	56·0	115·5
June ...	199·3	586·2	785·5	24·6	33·8	267·9	101·8	69·0	56·4	116·1
July ...	199·8	586·3	786·1	24·8	32·2	268·8	102·6	69·1	56·5	116·1
Aug. ...	198·4	589·5	787·9	25·1	31·2	270·2	103·3	69·7	57·1	117·5
Sept. ...	196·6	583·1	779·7	24·9	27·2	264·8	102·0	70·5	57·9	118·3
Oct. ...	193·3	578·5	771·8	23·7	23·3	239·4	102·6	71·6	58·8	119·3
Nov. ...	192·2	583·5	775·7	24·0	21·4	259·9	103·5	74·2	60·4	120·1
Dec. ...	194·3	568·6	762·9	22·7	19·4	246·5	102·8	79·6	60·0	118·9
1946—Jan. ...	193·5	598·7	792·2	23·9	18·8	271·9	104·3	75·7	62·8	121·8
Feb. ...	195·7	618·7	814·4	25·1	18·9	283·7	107·3	77·0	64·1	124·1

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1945, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

## 27. UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Persons in New South Wales receiving benefit under the Commonwealth Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act, in operation since 1st July, 1945. (Benefit is subject to a "means test"; the "waiting period" is 7 days.)

Last Saturday in month.	Number of Persons (N.S.W.) in receipt of Benefit.							
	Unemployment.		Sickness.		Special.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1945—July	89	6	789	148	2	2	880	156
August	117	10	1,118	218	2	2	1,237	230
September	166	13	1,483	313	1	7	1,650	333
October	285	27	1,759	365	...	10	2,044	402
November	495	94	2,035	429	1	14	2,531	537

Classification of Persons in receipt of Unemployment Benefit, 24th November, 1945.

Industry.	National Services Districts.						Remainder of State.		Total N.S.W.	
	Metropolitan.		Newcastle.*		Wollongong.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Primary	...	...	2	...	...	...	34	1	36	1
Mining, Quarrying	...	...	3	...	2	...	10	...	15	...
Industrial	...	...	42	1	126	4	64	70	292	75
Building, Construction	...	3	...	4	...	3	24	...	34	...
Transport, Communication	...	7	...	...	23	...	6	...	36	...
Finance, Property	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Commerce	...	10	1	8	...	1	...	13	4	32
Public Administration, Professional	...	15	1	1	...	1	...	13	2	30
Personal, Domestic, etc.	...	6	1	3	1	1	...	4	6	14
Not stated	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	3
Total	...	105	3	63	3	157	4	170	84	495
										94

\* Includes Cessnock, Lambton and West Maitland.

## 28. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
January	100	103	93	110	125	136	141	141	164	155	173	165
February	100	105	95	112	125	135	142	145	159	161	174	181
March	100	102	95	111	130	130	143	146	164	165	171	185
April	100	104	96	110	125	137	141	147	164	162	172	...
May	100	106	95	110	128	128	146	144	166	172	178	...
June	100	103	99	114	131	135	150	154	174	176	176	...
July	100	105	97	112	134	139	149	158	171	177	184	...
August	100	106	97	107	135	137	151	157	181	181	177	...
September	100	108	97	113	134	134	151	158	171	172	180	...
October	100	109	96	113	135	137	154	163	162	169	174	...
November	100	109	97	116	136	139	152	161	164	171	179	...
December	100	105	99	116	131	138	153	165	163	169	123	...
Year	100	105	96	112	131	135	148	154	167	170	172	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

## 29. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base : Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept Quarter, 1939.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4·3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10·1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20·3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22·3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24·9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23·7
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22·5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22·5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22·8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22·4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22·0
June ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22·3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22·4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22·9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23·4

\* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

## 30. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*					Crown Employees. (All Districts).				
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.
1939 ...	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1940 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1941 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0	83 0	84 0
1942 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0	87 0	88 0
1943 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0	94 0	96 0
1944 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0	99 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	98 0	98 0	98 0	97 0	97 0	97 0

\* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1944, was 2,884,848 or 39·3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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